

INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION HANDLING COMMITTEE  
of the  
UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

Office of the Executive Secretary

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1 August 1973

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairman, SIGINT Committee  
SUBJECT : Report of the Ad Hoc Panel on Merchant  
Shipping and Fishing Vessels

1. The enclosed report of the Ad Hoc Panel on Merchant  
Shipping and Fishing Vessels, which has been approved by members  
of the IHC, is forwarded for your information and appropriate  
action. The report recommends the following: (a) approval  
of the current practice of [redacted] shipping data in  
human-readable/machine-readable arrays; (b) designation of the  
Navy as Assigned Responsible Agency (ARA) to plan and schedule  
improvements in the formats used; and (c) [redacted]  
improve the timeliness of monthly and quarterly reports of  
shipping data.

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2. The current formats for [redacted] are coordinated with  
those for collateral so that they may be processed together by  
ADP; the improvements proposed will reduce ambiguities among  
formats for analysts and permit cargo and passenger data to be  
handled by ADP. The monthly and quarterly reports tend to fall  
progressively farther behind schedule reducing their value to  
analysts in the community.

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3. It is requested that your committee ask the Navy to  
accent the responsibilities of ARA for making improvements in  
[redacted] shipping data formats and arrange [redacted] to have monthly  
and quarterly reports of shipping data produced on schedule.

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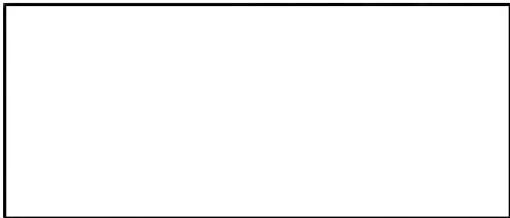
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**INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION HANDLING COMMITTEE**  
of the USIB  
**AD HOC PANEL**  
on  
**MERCHANT SHIPPING AND FISHING VESSELS**



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